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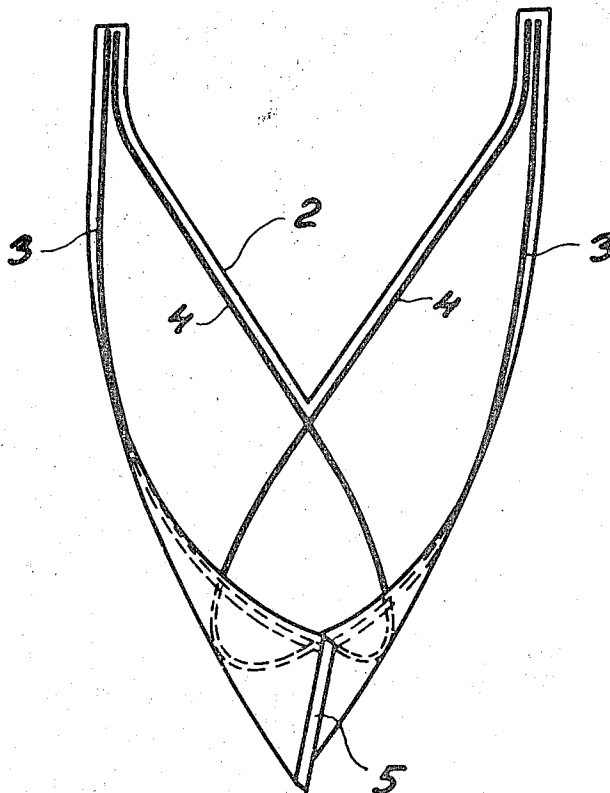
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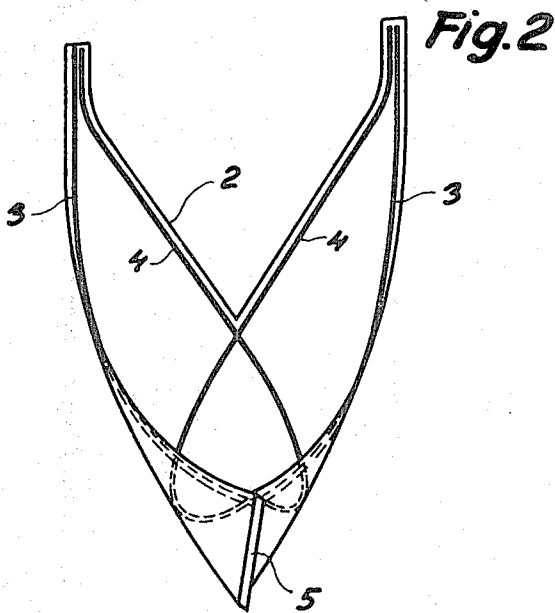
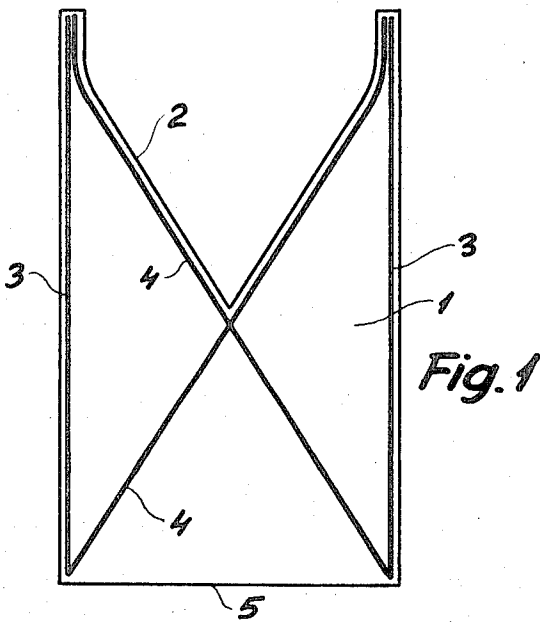
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

This invention provides a bib with a pocket and formed by cutting a neckline in a soft weldable sheet material such as plastic coated paper, the pocket being formed by joining together the two halves of the lower bib edge, characterized in that it is provided with stiffening ribs consisting of plastic tapes welded to the sheet material and extending along the outer bib edges to the centre of the upper edge of the pocket.

2 Claims, 2 Drawing Figures





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This invention relates to a bib of the type provided with a pocket and formed by cutting a neckline in a soft weldable sheet material such as plastic coated paper and the pocket of which is formed by joining together the two halves of the lower bib edge. It has been found that when using a bib of this type an infant with its impulsive gestures will be apt to tear the bib to pieces because it is preferably made from a relatively thin material to keep the cost so low that it can be discarded after a single use. It has also been found that an infant may easily compress the pocket for instance by leaning against the table, and if the action is sufficiently strong the pocket will not unfold again and thus be partly or totally useless.

It is the object of the present invention to provide a bib in which the above disadvantages have been overcome, by providing the bib with stiffening ribs of plastic tape which are welded to the sheet material and which extend along the outer bib edge to the centre of the upper edge of the pocket.

By providing such stiffening ribs a substantial increase of strength is obtained and the bib will practically never be torn. At the same time the stiffening ribs provide an increased rigidity around the pocket, which will thus be maintained distended and will reopen automatically if temporarily compressed. The use of plastic tape welded to the material causes an entirely insignificant increase of the cost of the bib, and the two aforesaid drawbacks have been overcome in a cheap and simple manner.

To obtain an increased stiffening of the pocket of the bib according to the invention stiffening ribs may be provided also along the neckline, extended beyond the lowermost point thereof and right to the centre of the upper edge of the pocket.

The invention will be described below in greater de-

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tail and with reference to the drawing, in which

FIG. 1 shows a sheet blank in unfolded state, meant to be formed into a bib according to the invention and;

FIG. 2 is a perspective view of a bib according to the invention.

FIG. 1 shows a sheet blank 1 having a V-shaped neckline 2, the rest of the blank being rectangular. Narrow plastic tapes 3 are welded on to the blank 1 along the two long sides, and along the V-shaped neckline 2 is likewise welded plastic tapes 4. The tapes 4 are extended right to the corners of the plastic blank 1, where they meet the ends of the plastic tapes 3, and the tapes 3 and 4 also meet at the upper edge, where the narrow ends of the sheet formed by the V-shaped neckline serve to tie the bib around the child's neck.

In FIG. 2 it is illustrated how the lower edge 5 of the blank 1 is folded up and joined together to form the pocket, and it is clearly seen how the plastic tapes 3 and 4 meet in the centre of the upper edge of the pocket.

What I claim is:

1. A bib with a pocket comprising a rectangular blank of soft weldable sheet material having a neckline cutout at one end and reinforcing ribs fixed to and extending along the longitudinal edges of the rectangle, the two halves of the edge opposite the cutout being joined to each other.

2. A bib with a pocket comprising a rectangular blank of soft weldable sheet material having a neckline cutout at one end, first reinforcing ribs fixed to and extending along the longitudinal edges of the rectangle and second reinforcing ribs fixed to the blank, extending along the neckline cutout and extending to diagonally opposite corners of the blank, the two halves of the edge opposite the cutout being joined to each other.

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